

Rotary District 7505 e-Club

July 27, 2020

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 P.M. by President Van Stine.

Present:	Michael Van Stine-President
	Manuel Nunez-Treasurer
	David Winter-Secretary
	Nicole Walstein-Keller

The minutes from our last meeting on July 13 were approved by unanimous consent.

Manny advised that the new meeting call-in system has some issues. The new system was tested and was working fine but he discovered problems in easily connecting. For the time being, we are going to go back to the old one until he can resolve.

Pres V advised that Jerry had written to DG May some time ago asking that AG Alice be replaced but that Jerry had not yet received back a response.

Pres V said he had also received recent correspondence from AG Alice critiquing our not integrating membership changes made on ClubExpress with ClubRunner. He said he had been trying for some time to get ClubRunner to connect as was needed but that there were problems. For months now he keeps getting error messages that cannot be resolved w/RI. He said he was going to correspond back to AG Alice to make sure she understands what the issues are.

Pres V stated that the district had not yet responded back to the financial audit documents sent to them on March 4. It is possible delays are from COVID disruptions. He said again he has some concerns surrounding communications from both our immediate past DG and our AG that have been somewhat negative in tone that they may possibly be trying to create reasons to dismantle the e-Club. He also mentioned lingering unresolved issues surrounding sponsoring a Rotaract Club at Rutgers Camden. Others have expressed the same concerns to him. He said that either he or Jerry would be following up with DG May to try and get a final clearance from the district.

Regarding a Rotaract Club at Rutgers Camden, which the e-club had past agreed to co-sponsor, he said that the campus has always been supportive of restarting a club there and that many Rotary-connected opportunities for students had been lost now for many years. Pres V went on also explain various aspects of a stalled arbitration request which now indirectly intersects with the e-club. It also includes failure to properly execute a charter request for the Rotary Club of NJ, a new flex-club idea and issues surrounding 4-Way Test violations. No progress has been made on any of the issues since 2018. He

expects that if we do not receive a favorable response to inquiries to May, that he will have to reinvigorate the stalled request for arbitration under RI rules. He expressed a personal desire to have the Rotaract Club at Rutgers resolved before he leaves the university at the end of the upcoming academic term.

Pres V and Treasurer Manny will set up new accounts after the required name search is complete. Pres V to take care of filings w/the State of NJ if they are absolutely required.

Pres V advised that Sara and Nicole will remain as club members at least until Dec. 31.

Pres V advised Nicole that he had a plaque made in her honor for years of dedicated service. He announced to her that the club had prepared a certificate for her which he read to her as well as a gift certificate to a local restaurant in FL as a way of expressing the club's gratitude. Nicole thanked everyone for their generosity and support. All wished Nicole and her husband the best on their new pool maintenance venture.

Pres V updated some aspects of the pending club application for a district grant in support of the food pantry operations in South Jersey and in general at the veteran's center in Lindenwold. Among the many programs there are PTSD therapy programs, a program to provide prosthetics to animals to match them up with disabled veterans and an annual Fulfill-A-Wish program. This past year the program had provided a vacation in the Adirondacks to a worthy veteran. Acme Lingo Flagpoles is donating a flagpole to the center this year and will now be doing do every year to a worthy veteran's group. The flagpole ceremony at the center was originally scheduled for Aug. 1 but was moved to late September. So far, about 40 to 50 people are expected to attend. E-club members are all invited. Many community stakeholders will benefit greatly of the district grant is approved.

Nicole reminded Manny that IRS Forms are due on Nov. 15 and that the Indian Rocks Raffle information is due shortly.

After some shared kinship surrounding the current pandemic, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 P.M.